

PATENT  
Attorney Docket No. EVG-018

APPLICANT(S): Sachs  
SERIAL NO.: 10/688,864 GROUP NO.: 1765  
FILING DATE: October 17, 2003 EXAMINER: Not yet assigned  
TITLE: Method and Apparatus for Crystal Growth

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**PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(c)**

Sir:

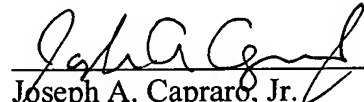
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(c) and MPEP § 708.02 VI, Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner to accord the subject application "special" status, so that it may be advanced out of turn for immediate action. Applicant submits that the subject application should be made "special" because the invention will materially enhance the quality of the environment and/or materially contribute to the development and conservation of energy resources. In particular, one or more claims of the application relate to the development, improvement, and/or applications of crystalline ribbon that can be used in the formation of solar cells, which convert light, a free and virtually inexhaustible energy resource, into electricity.

Applicant believes that no fee is due with this Petition and respectfully requests that this Petition be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

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